

Katzmann, Fritz

(1906--1957), SS officer. Katzmann joined the Nazi Party in 1928 and the SS in 1930. From November 1939 to August 1941 he served as SS and Police Leader in the Radom district of the *Generalgouvernement*. Next, he was appointed SS and Police Leader in the Galicia region, a post he held until the fall of 1943. In this capacity, Katzmann was in charge of the implementation of the "Final Solution" for the Jews of Galicia. Under his direction, most of the Jews of Eastern Galicia were exterminated. On June 30, 1943 Katzmann submitted a report to his superiors, in which he described in great detail how he and his men had eliminated almost all of the Jews who lived in the region, either by shooting them on the spot, or by deporting them to their deaths at forced labor or extermination camps. His report also made mention of cases of Jewish resistance to his actions.

In 1944 Katzmann was appointed SS and Police Leader in Military District XX, whose main offices were located in the city of Danzig. After the war, Katzmann falsified his name and went into hiding; he died in 1957. No other details are known about his post-war life.